Telephone Bill Arrears

1794. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of telephone bills in arrears against each of the former Union Ministers and former Members of Parliament as on 30th June, 1986; and

(b) the break up of the amount of telephone bills outstanding against them with respect to their tephones at Delhi and that at their usual places of residence?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The information has been called for from the concerned units and will be placed on the Table the House as early as possible.

Taking up of Job by Retired Telephone Officers in Private Concerns

1795. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of retired officers of Bombay Telephones have joined RAHEJA group of companies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these retired officers are helping the RAHEJA group companies in a number of ways through their influence;

(c) if so, how many retired Bombay telephone employees at present are working with the above group and whether necessary permission to join this group has been accorded to them; and

(d) whether the Government propose to hand over the case to CBI to enquire into the various deals finalised by the above group with Telephone Department, Bombay through these retired officers and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) This Department is not aware whether any retired officer of Bombay Telephones has joined Raheja group of companies. As per instruction on the subject only Group 'A' officers have to seek permission for taking up employment after retirement. No retired officer from Bombay Telephones has asked for permission from this office for joining Raheja Group and no permission has been granted from this office.

(d) Question does not arise.

Improvement of Telephone Services

1796. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recently held meetings with the General Managers of metropolis and major districts and stressed the need to improve the telephone services in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that telephone services in the cities, at Delhi and Bombay have deteriorated after the conversion of Delhi and Bombay telephones into a Corporation; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the telephone services throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.